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2. (Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of said delivery schedule;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network for connecting said distribution server and said agent server to one another;

means in the distribution server for receiving a request for specifying how to receive the delivery goods from the client;

means in the distribution server for sending the delivery goods information to the agent designated in the request; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of the distribution server or the receiver from the agent.

4. (Amended) A delivery managing system for managing

delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network, through which a client, said agent server and said distribution server are connected to one another;

means for requesting a schedule information to said client;

means for receiving said schedule information from said client;

means for processing said schedule information received from the client;

means for determining data and time for delivery of goods to the client or outputting delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent, based on the processed schedule information; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of said distribution server and said client from the agent.

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--22. A delivery managing system, comprising:

- a client apparatus provided at a user side;
- a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and
- an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said distribution server comprises:
 - means for receiving a distribution condition, including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, which is transferred from said client apparatus;
 - means for processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition; and
 - means for notifying the agent server of information indicating delivery of said goods, and wherein said agent server comprises:
 - means for determining whether or not to send the goods to the client, upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and said information received by inputting in the client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.

--23. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.

--24. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numeral number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

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--25. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein the information processing means of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

--26. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus.

--27. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said agent server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to said client apparatus.

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--28. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to said agent server.

--29. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for receiving change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing the information in order to deliver the goods in accordance with the distribution condition changed.

--30. The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus comprises means for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.

--31. A method for managing delivery of goods, to be used in a system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a receiver side;

a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein

said distribution server comprises the following steps:

receiving a distribution condition, including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, which is transferred from said distribution server;

processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition;

notifying the agent server of information of the delivery of said goods; and

transmitting the information to said agent server, so that said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send the goods to the client.

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--32. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server determines whether or not to send the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and information inputted by the client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.

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--33. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.

--34. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numeral number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

--35. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein the information processing step of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

--36. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus.

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--37. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to said client apparatus.

--38. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to said agent server.

--39. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for receiving change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing the information in

order to deliver the goods in accordance with the changed distribution condition.

--40. The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus comprises a step for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.

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--41. A distribution server for use in a delivery managing system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a receiver side;

a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said distribution server comprises:

means for receiving a distribution condition, including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, which is transferred from said client apparatus;

means for processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition;

mean for notifying the agent server of an
information for indicating delivery of said goods; and

means for transmitting said information so that said
agent server is able to determine whether or not to send out
the goods to the client.

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--42. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41,
wherein said agent server is able to determine whether or not
to send out the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison
result between said information transmitted to said agent
server and said information received by inputting in the
client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.

--43. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41,
wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a
contract code.

--44. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41,
wherein said contract code includes either one of a numeral
number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said
delivery.

--45. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein the information processing means of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

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--46. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising means for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to either one of said client apparatus and said agent server.

--47. The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising:

means for determining a date and time for delivery of said goods in accordance with said delivery condition; and

means for outputting an information on changing of the date and time for delivery of said goods when they are changed to said client apparatus.

--48. An agent server for use in a delivery managing system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a receiver side;

a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said agent server comprises:

means for receiving an information for indicating delivery of said goods to said agent server, being transmitted from said distribution server to said agent server and said client apparatus, in accordance with a distribution condition including an agent to be used on delivery of said goods to said client; and

means for determining whether or not to send the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information received and an information inputted by the client, when said goods is delivered to.

--49. The agent server as defined in claim 48, wherein said determining means determines that said goods can be sent to said client when said information received coincides with said information inputted by the client.

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--50. The agent server as defined in claim 48, wherein said information received includes a contract code.

--51. The agent server as defined in claim 48, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numeral number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended. New claims 22-51 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4 and 22-51 are currently pending in the application.

PRIORITY

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified copy filed in the parent application.

PTO-1449 FORM

On February 28, 2000, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Examiner has not returned initialed PTO-1449 Forms. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 Forms.